

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

**1.-6. (Cancelled)**

**7. (currently amended):** A method for treating ~~a cardiovascular disease~~ myocardial infarction in a subject for which hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) is effective, comprising administering by direct intra coronary injection into heart muscle of a intracoronarily ~~to the subject~~ a therapeutically effective amount of an expression vector containing a HGF gene coding sequence in a therapeutically effective amount.

**8. (currently amended):** The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is encapsulated in a liposome, ~~the membrane of which may be further fused to attenuated Sendai virus particles.~~

**9. (canceled).:** ~~The method of claim 7, wherein said cardiovascular disease is restenosis after the percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA), myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathy or cardiac insufficiency.~~

**10. (new):** The method of claim 8, wherein the membrane of said liposome is fused to attenuated Sendai virus particles.

**11. (new):** The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is a viral expression vector containing a HGF gene coding sequence.